



# ***SOUTHEAST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER***

***February – March 2006***

## **Dear Southeast Families,**

Once again it is time to schedule our Kindergarten Registration and Parent Orientation meetings. We are asking your help in identifying all children who will be eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2006-07 school year.

If you have a child or know of a child who will be five years old on or before January 1, 2007, please contact the school office at 423-1611. We will be gathering all names and addresses in order to send out invitations to the functions necessary to register your child.

Please feel free to call the above telephone number with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

***Many thanks to Steve Brimmer, our Southeast photographer for the last seventeen years.*** Steve provided free airbrush touch-ups for every child and as a result, the pictures were even more exceptional this year. This is also the first year we have been able to



place a picture of each student on the student database in the office. Free classroom group pictures are always given to the homeroom teachers. Usually our thanks go unsaid, but this time we wanted to thank Steve for all the extra work he did on this year's student pictures. Many of the parents commented on what great pictures they received.

This spring, Steve will be offering a special Spring Fling fundraiser. This will give you the opportunity to have all of your sibling's pictures taken regardless of the school they are attending. These pictures are in dramatic black and white tones. We have had an opportunity to preview a sample of these pictures and are excited about presenting the opportunity to you.

## ***Calendar of Events:***

February 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	7:30 BOE Mtg.
February 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	Dental Health Pre K-2 Presentations .....6:00 PAC Mtg. .....7:00 PTO Mtg.
February 9 <sup>th</sup> .....	7:30 BOE Mtg. at MMS
February 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	Green Thumbs Club
February 20-24 <sup>th</sup> .....	February Vacation No School
February 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	8:15 Enrichment Team Mtg.
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Read Across America
March 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Family Ice-Skating Night
March 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	6:00 PAC Mtg. 7:00 PTO Mtg.
March 6-9 <sup>th</sup> .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade CMTs
March 9 <sup>th</sup> .....	7:30 BOE Mtg. Progress Reports Go Home
March 10 <sup>th</sup> .....	Professional Development Day No School
March 13-15 <sup>th</sup> .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade CMTs
March 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	3:30 Green Thumbs Club .....5:30 International Pot Luck Dinner
March 20 <sup>th</sup> .....	8:15 Enrichment Team Mtg.
March 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	Last Day for CMT Make-ups
March 29 <sup>th</sup> .....	Science Fair/Invention Convention
April 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	7:30 Budget Presented to Town Council

## **MANY THANKS**

To our parents who volunteer to help during these busy school days. And, of course, thank you to our PTO officers this year –



Co-Presidents.....Edmond and  
Amy Chibeau  
Vice President:.....Ronald Baker  
Secretary: .....Monique Brown  
Treasurer:..... Lesley Sweeney

Attendance Line/Nurse: 423-2793

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Please visit our website [www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast](http://www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast)

## **MRS. STEWART WINS HI-TECH ESSAY CONTEST**

Southeast Special Education Teacher, Laura Stewart won \$20,000 worth of software and electronic technology for our school in the Hope for Education National Essay Contest.

The essay, sponsored by Microsoft Corp. and Samsung Electronics America, had to answer in 100 words "how will the growing use of technology in the classroom benefit students in the future?"

"My essay was from the perspective of a special education teacher," Stewart said. "I wrote how the new technology will allow students with special needs to gain access to the curriculum."

Southeast will receive \$10,000 worth of software from Microsoft and \$10,000 in technology equipment from Samsung. All is expected to arrive in March.

The next Hope for Education National Essay Contest is already being planned for 2006. For those who would like to enter, check our website at the end of April.

[www.hopeforeducation.com](http://www.hopeforeducation.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS  
MRS. STEWART!**

### **NUTRITION NOTE:**

Kashi *GO LEAN* cereal was recommended by a school parent. Just one serving supplies 40% of your daily fiber needs and 20% of your daily protein needs. Eating more whole grains and fiber-rich foods helps manage hunger and is associated with a healthier body weight.

## **ATTENTION SOUTHEAST SCIENTISTS!**

The annual ***Southeast School Science Fair and Invention Convention*** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2006 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All Southeast students are invited to participate in this exciting event.

A great way to start is to visit the Southeast webpage and click on the science fair link! There are Science Fair and Invention Convention packets with suggestions and guidelines. Think of something simple and interesting! The idea is for Southeast families to have fun with science.

## **READING TO CHILDREN IGNITES A LOVE FOR WORDS, BOOKS**

Children enjoy reading in different ways as they grow. Babies love cuddling, looking at pictures and hearing parents' voices. Toddlers and preschoolers have new skills that can help them enjoy book time even more. Here are some ways to build your child's interest in reading:

- Choose a relaxed time to read together.
- Allow your child to choose what you will read, or pick out a few books and let him select one.
- Let your child "read" to you. Have him turn the pages and tell you the story.
- Take the time to answer your child's questions, even if they interrupt the story.





## Stories for Southeast

### *The Gift That Keeps on Giving*

We would like to thank the individuals below for their purchase of the following books for our school library:

- The BFG... to Matt, our 'BFG'... from Addicus and Emerson;
- Happy Birthday, Mallory!... for Alexa's continued hard work in school... from Audrey & Melissa Curtis;
- Here Comes Grandma!... to the best grandmas, G.G. Bet, Grannie Annie, and Gran Fran... from your grandchildren, Tessa, Annie, and Finn Morrison;
- Honey... Honey... Lion!... Happy Birthday, Katy!... Love, Mom, Dad, and Will;
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe... to Mrs. Fisher-Doiron and everyone at Southeast School: Thank you for all that you do... from Hyun-Soo Kim and family;
- The Magician's Nephew... to Mrs. Fisher-Doiron and everyone at Southeast School: Thank you for all that you do... from Hyun-Soo Kim and family;
- Mud Is Cake... to Mrs. Brown's Class: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!... from Tom, Hope, and Travis Pearl;
- Starry Safari... to Mrs. Brown's Class: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!... from Tom, Hope, and Travis Pearl;
- The Tenth Good Thing about Barney... in loving memory of Mithril, the cat with fur of silver and the best meow... from the Sandall Family.

If you are interested in purchasing a book for our library, please contact Mickey Maheu for information.

## KIDSART is special!

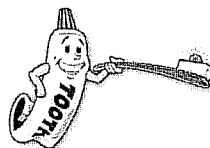
During October we once again had the children design specialized note cards to help raise money for the next phase of the playscape. The children were excited to display their artwork on cards that they and their parents can send to friends and family. It's amazing what great artists we have at Southeast and what terrific supporters parents are in placing orders. We were able to raise more than \$500. We look forward to organizing this artistic and successful fundraiser again next fall.

--Cheryl Hathway and Sue Kamienski



## GREAT HEALTH NEWS

### FEBRUARY IS HEALTHY HEART MONTH and DENTAL HEALTH MONTH!



Take a few minutes each day to walk or stretch with your child. Share a family moment in planning the week's menu highlighting good nutrition. Discuss the benefits of dental hygiene, exercise and nutrition for life long health.

Thank you to Kim O'Keefe for her dental hygiene and health lessons for Southeast.

### MARCH WILL BE NUTRITION MONTH AT SOUTHEAST ELEMENTARY!

Kathleen Romeo has been creating bulletin boards on nutrition with different grade levels since September. She is now leading a PTO committee for nutrition plans for March. She will need many hands and creative minds so if you are interested, contact her and become part of the planning.

